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As we near the mid-point of the first quarter of CY 2021 we greet a new administration with anticipated changes and new priorities. We would also like to thank our former Regional Administrator Denise Cleveland-Leggett for her service to HUD over the past four years.

I would be remiss if I did not also recognize all of the hard work and dedication of our Alabama HUD Field Office employees throughout these trying times and recognize the great partnership we have with each and every stakeholder. Our Alabama team continues to provide extraordinary customer service and assistance to our communities throughout the state. Thanks again to each of you for what you do for HUD and the residents of the great State of Alabama.

Kenneth Free

February is Black History Month



Robert C. Weaver was appointed secretary of housing and urban development by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966. Weaver, who had three Harvard degrees, was the great-grandson of a slave and an expert strategist in the civil rights movement. "Fight hard and legally," he said, "and don't blow your top." His government service began during the New Deal, when he tried to harness benefits for blacks from the domestic spending programs. Weaver has been followed by 19 other African-Americans in the cabinet. [Source](#)

HUD Renews Funding for Local Homeless Programs

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded Alabama \$18 million to renew support to local homeless assistance programs across the state. Nationally, HUD's Continuum of Care (CoC) grants will provide critically needed support to 51 local programs on the front lines of serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness. See local impact of funding below. Due to the pandemic, the funding announced today renews grants for existing programs. This process was dramatically streamlined because communities have been and will continue to be consumed with COVID-19 response and have limited capacity to participate in the traditional CoC competition.

[View Alabama summary report](#)

Acting HUD Secretary Announces Extension of Eviction and Foreclosure Moratorium

Acting U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Matthew E. Ammon announced that the Department has implemented President Biden's requests to immediately extend eviction and foreclosure moratoriums on federally-backed single family mortgages through March 31, 2021, to provide meaningful support to homeowners struggling financially as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.



[Read more.](#)

Oakwood University Launches Mobile Market to Address Food Desert in Community



Credit: WZDX

Oakwood University, Huntsville Housing Authority, and the Community Action Association of Alabama have teamed up to keep the community healthy one stop at a time. The campus officially launched its "Mobile Market" Tuesday.

WZDX News reporter spoke with leaders about how they're working toward a more healthy Huntsville in underserved communities.

[Read more on WZDX](#)

HUD Awards \$4.4 Million for Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Public Housing

Last month U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded an additional \$4.4 million under the Capital Fund Emergency Safety and Security Program to 58 public housing agencies (PHA) for the purchase and installation of carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in public housing units where they are necessary. Four public housing authorities in Alabama were awarded the grant.

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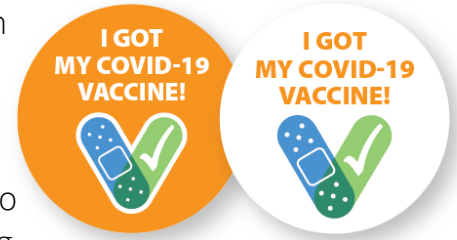
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Alabama COVID Vaccine News

- ASU President Quinton Ross announced last month the school has been designated as a vaccination site in partnership with ADPH and the Montgomery Housing Authority. - [ASU](#)
- Last month, the Housing Authority of the City of Bessemer (BHA) partnered with Cahaba Medical Care to expand COVID-19 vaccinations to senior residents 75 and up who live in one of BHA's seven public housing communities. - [WBRC](#)



Grant Opportunity

Grant Name: Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Competitive

Description: HUD's FYI Initiative targets housing assistance to young people aging out of foster care and who are at extreme risk of experiencing homelessness. The initiative offers housing vouchers to local public housing authorities to prevent or end homelessness among young adults under the age of 25 who are, or have recently left, the foster care system without a home to go to.



Only PHAs that have an existing Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD for HCVs are eligible to apply for funding under this announcement.

Deadline: March 22, 2021

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Section 202: Supportive Housing for the Elderly

HUD has issued a funding notice for \$150 million towards the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program. Section 202 provide Capital Advance funding and project rental subsidies for the development and ongoing operation of supportive rental housing for very low-income persons, aged 62 years or older. Deadline to apply: May 26, 2021. Maximum award: \$20 million. Expected number of awards: 45. Eligible Applicants: Nonprofits with a 501(c)(3) status. Please note Section 202 units cannot be considered replacement housing for the purposes of Choice Neighborhoods.

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- Birmingham to consider rezoning for Southtown redevelopment - [Birmingham Business Journal](#)
- New technology helps gauge severity of homelessness - [WHNT](#)

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